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Beginning Thursday, October 20th, 1887.

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The next Session will be held with Center Ridge Church, Barbour County, Ala., beginning at 11 o'clock, Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in October, 1888.

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STANDING COMMITTEES TO REPORT NEXT SESSION.

State Missions—H Hawkins, M W Hall, W W Vaughan.
Home Missions—T N Cox, I H McLane, J E Moore.
Foreign Mission—W C Jordan, B Davie, J T Eperson.
Aged and Infirm Ministers—W S Paullin, Jefferson Mims, A W Beverly.
Temperance—J M Thornton, H L Floyd, J A Cobb.
Bible and Colportage—H B Florence, J Sims, J E Fenn.
Obituaries—J G Sinquefield, G C Baker, J C Sercy.
Sabbath Schools—Eli S Shorter, George B Davis, B F Gary.
Education—W L Pickard, J A Wynne, Z T Weaver.
Evangelization of the Colored Race—J J S Willis, W F Provost, Jack Norton.

PREACHERS FOR NEXT SESSION.

Introductory Sermon—J A Wynne; alternate, W H Patterson.
Missionary " W L Pickard; alternate, Z T Weaver.

MINUTES.

MIDWAY, October 20th, 1887.

1. The Thirty-fourth Annual Session of the Eufaula Baptist Association was held with the Midway Baptist church, commencing to-night.

2. The Introductory Sermon was preached at 8 P. M., from Acts 5:38, 39. "And now I say unto you refrain from these men, and let them alone: if this counsel or this work be of men it will come to naught; but if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it lest hapily ye be found to fight against God."

FRIDAY MORNING—9 o'clock.

3. The Association was called to order by Rev. W. H. Patterson, Moderator, who read the 2d Psalm: "Why do the heathen rage, &c. Sang: "I love thy kingdom, Lord," and prayer by bro. J. A. Wynne.

4. Brethren W. S. Roger and Z. T. Weaver, read the letters from the churches.

5. Delegates names were enrolled as follows:

Bethlehem—J. G. Sinquefield, Jack Norton.
Center Ridge—J. J. S. Willis, J. B. Lightner, F. L. Miller, A. B. Parr, I. H. McLane.
Clayton—J. A. Wynne.
Cowikee—J. E. Moore, Dozier Cade.
Enon—J. H. Pruden, W. H. Provost.
Eufaula—W. H. Patterson, T. H. Stout, ——Bush, C. Rhodes, J. D. Godwin, A. A. Couric.
Evergreen—John Cook, Jno. Arrington, Jefferson Mims.
Glennville—Letter.
Hurtsboro—W. B. Arrington, Columbus Gregory, J. T. Eperson.
Midway—W. C. Jordan, F. C. Hall. C. A. Jordan, W. L. Thornton, W. T. Hendon, W. W. Hall, J. G. Hitchcock.
Mt. Olive—W. A. Bishop.
Mt. Zion—A. W. Beverly, R. L. Baker.
New Hope—J. H. King, A. A. Adams.
Pea Creek—J. A. Miles, F. M. Grubbs.

Pleasant Grove—C. C. Seay, J. A. Johnson, S. Singleton, Abner Spires.
Pine Grove—J. M. Thornton.
Pleasant Hill—Letter.
Prospect—H. L. Floyd, T. F. J. Gary, Page Floyd, M. McEachern, Warren Baker.
Ramah—J. A. Cobb, R. R. Gary, B. F. Gary, W. W. Vaughan, H. B. Florence.
Union—J. T. Watkins, J. E. Tenn, W. J. Sims. E. Farrior.
Hawkinsville—H. Hawkins.

6. Re-elected Rev. W. H. Patterson, Moderator; T. H. Stout, Clerk; and John T. Watkins, Treasurer.

7. Adopted the order of business as printed in the minutes of last year.

8. The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

Religious Exercises—J G Sinquefield, W L Thornton, M E Pruett.
State of the Churches—T N Cox, T J Green, Henry Sims.
Finance—J J S Willis, H L Floyd, James Cobb.
Nominations—M N McEachern, Warren Baker, I H McLane.

9. Received the following Correspondents -

From Bethel Association—W S Rogers.
From Judson Association—R L Lee.
From Tuskegee Association—W S Adams.
From Centennial Association—J O Hixon, S J Ming, J E Chambliss, A F Dix, F O Bickley, T W Chambliss, E L Chambliss.
Newton Association—W H Simmons.

10. Recognized Rev. J. E. Chambliss as a member of the Board of Ministerial Education of the Alabama Baptist Convention.

11. Brethren G. W. Fuller, N. C. Underwood and E. Y. VanHoose were received as visiting ministers and invited to seats on the floor.

12. The report of the Executive Committee was made by T. H. Stout, as follows:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 1886-7.

The committee has held but one meeting this year, September 26th, at which time the hour appointed for the assembling of the Association was changed from 11 o'clock a. m. to 7:30 p. m.

Respectfully submitted.

T. H. STOUT, Secretary.

13. Brethren J. A. Wynne, B. F. Gary and J. G. Hitchcock were appointed as a new committee on education, in place of the committee announced in last year's minutes, all of whom were absent.

14. Bro. J. M. Thornton read the Report on Foreign Missions, as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The spirit of a Gospel church is implanted in every Christian heart when God reveals to him that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, as He did to Peter. Therefore, the organization of the church is for the purpose of perpetuating and carrying out the same spirit of love to man that influenced our Father in Heaven to send forth His Son into the world to be crucified and rise from the dead, that whosoever believeth on Him might not perish but have everlasting life.

By examining into the experience of every Christian man or woman, you will find the same spirit of benevolence to others; which never can be satisfied until that holy influence is extended to every human being on earth.

In union there is strength; therefore, we organize the church to accomplish what individuals cannot well accomplish alone. Then, in order to extend our influence the churches organize associations. Then, to extend the same Christian influence we organize State conventions, and the State convention organizes a general convention, all to extend that same spirit of Christian benevolence.

If all those institutions emanate direct from the spirit of Christ, implanted in the hearts of Christian men and women, as a matter of course those institutions are but the offspring of the mass of Christians, and if left without the means to carry out their enterprises they will be powerless, and we must supply the means, and money is the only practical means in our power.

The object of this Association is not only to continue their support to Foreign Missions, but if possible increase the means in order to do more to enlighten those benighted people.

There is much said in relation to the best means to increase contributions, but I would think the best geaeral plan would be to appeal to those kind and benevolent feelings implanted when converted; not ouly to impart salvation to the lost world, but to imitate the blessed Savior in all His acts of benevolence to the human family. The idolatrous condition of the heathens should be plainly set forth, together with all their unnatural habits, which is but the result of idolatry; and then their improved condition, socially, intelligently and humanely, which will be brought about by the religion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We learn from the minutes of the State Convention that $87,830.53 was paid into the treasury of our Foreign Mission Board during the last year, the largest amount, by $12,000 in actual cash, that has ever been received by the board during any year of its history.

Of this sum Alabama Baptists contributed $4,692.29, which though far less than it should have been, is considerably more than the amount given last yenr, and shows an increased interest in the Master's cause. The members of our churches in foreign lands gave last year $3,012.61, an average of nearly two dollars per member. One native Christian, Brother Wong Yeur San, has built in Shanghai, China, a chapel at his own expense, costing $1,000, in which he preaches three times a week. Dr. Yates says of him: "He is a city set on a hlll, and his light is radiating in every direction. He and his noble act are an inspiration to all, and I am so thankful that it has happeued in my church. The Lord be praised! The morning light is breaking!"

"God has blessed all our fields in the past year—in China, in Africa, in Italy and in Brazil. The progress has been encouraging, and in Mexico so

wonderful has been the advance that it recalls the prophetic promise, "that a nation shall be born in a day."

"In this field 100 were reported baptized during the last year and 150 were awaiting the ordinance. Mrs. Annie P. McCormick has gone from our own State to that hopeful field, and is devoting her life to our blessed Lord in that priest-ridden land. The results of our foreign mission work for the past year, as reported to the Southern Baptist Convention, at Louisville, Ky., were as follows: Missionaries, 116: baptized, 228; number of members, 1,551. churches and stations, 65; schools, 25; pupils, 587."

Before closing this report we would respectfully urge the necessity of making ourselves better acquainted with the actings and progress of our foreign missionary operations by taking the Foreign Mission Journal.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. M. THORNTON, Chairman.

15. The Clerk read the Report on Home Missions, as follows:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

To the Fufaula Baptist Association:

This board was organized by the Southern Baptist Convention over forty years ago, to occupy as a field all the Southern States and Indian Territory as far as practicable, and by the recent action of the conventions, the Cuban Mission. The work of this board for the Conventional year is as follows:

Missionaries employed	251
Churches and stations	822
Weeks of labor	8,935
Sermons and addresses	24.490
Prayer meetings attended	3,110
Baptisms	3,923
Received by letter	2,319
Sunday Schools reported	318
Teachers and Pupils	13,031
Religious visits	25,603
Houses of worship built	62
Paid for houses and lots	$60,000

Respectfully submitted.

R. J. ORR, Chairman.

16. On motion, the subject of missions was made the special order for to-morrow.

17. On motion, the Committee on State Missions was filled by the appointment of Brethren W. L. Pickard, A. W. Beverly and M. W. Hall.

18. On motion, the Report on Education was made the special order for to-morrow morning at 9:15.

19. Bro. C. W. Hare was recognized as Editor of the Alabama Baptist, and invited to address the body on our State paper. Addresses were also made on the same subject by Brethren T. H. Stout, J. O. Hixon, J. E. Chambliss.

20. Appointed hours of meeting 9 a. m. and 1½ p. m.; adjournment at 12 and at will.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. A. F. Dix.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

21. Song—"All hail the power of Jesus' name," &c.

Bro. N. C. Underwood led in prayer.

22. On motion, the Moderator appointed the following committee on Temperance: Brethren W. T. Hendon, A. W. Beverly and Page Floyd, and they were requested to report to-morrow evening.

23. Bro. J. G. Sinquefield read the following report on Bible and Colportage, which was adopted:

REPORT ON BIBLE AND COLPORTEURS.

There is no colporteur in the bounds of this Association, although one is very much needed. We have a regular colporteur in connection with the, work of the State Mission Board. We have a Book Depository at Marion over which the State Mission Board appointed Bro. West; and if any o our people need good Baptist literature we recommend this Depository to them. Order your books through Bro. Crumpton, our State Secretary.

Respectfully submitted.

J. G. Sinquefield, Chairman.

The report was discussed by Brethren W. S. Rogers, C. W. Hare, T. H. Stout, J. E. Chambliss, W. T. Weaver, J. M. Thornton, T. N. Cox. Collected for colportage work $8.60.

24. Received the Report on Obituaries, which was read by Bro. J. G. Hitchcock and adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We, your committee, have no death of minister to report, for which we should feel under renewed obligations to our Heavenly Father.

Respectfully submitted.

J. G. Hitchcock, Chairman.

Rev. W. L. Pickard led in a prayer of thanksgiving, by motion of the body.

25. On motion, Rev. R. B. Lee, a correspondent from the Judson Association, was invited to address the body on the destitution existing between Eufaula and Clayton. He reported the following work done:

Traveled	175 miles.
Preached	15 times.
Received by letter	4.
Baptized	1.

The same subject was discussed by Brethren J. J. S. Willis, T. H. Stout, A. B. Bush, W. T. Weaver, J. O. Hixon. On motion, the whole matter was referred to the Executive.

26. Adjourned with prayer by Bro. G. W. Fuller.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

27. The Association met at the appointed hour.

Sang "Jesus Lover of my Soul," &c.

Prayer by Bro. W. C. Jordan.

Sang: "How firm a foundation," &c.

Bro. J. O. Hixon led in prayer.

28. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved. Called and corrected the roll. Received Bro. W. B. Crumpton; Corresponding Secretary State, M. Board.

29. Bro. J. A. Wynne read the Report on Education. The report was discussed by Brethren, J. A. Wynne, W. B. Crumpton, J. E. Chambliss, W. L. Pickard, W. H. H. Patterson, and J. O. Hixon. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee deem it most necessary to emphasize the importance o education. In this age, an age of great mental activity, of rapid progress in all lines of human thought, of wonderful discoveries in the physiological world, and astonishing attainments in science, it is potent to every observing mind that the man of highest culture is best equipped for all the earnest struggles forced upon him in asserting his right to live, or in his efforts to impress his invibiduality upon society. And this truth is most keenly felt in the realm of spiritual knowledge and moral responsibility. Satan has no more open avenue of approach to the citadel of man's spiritual power than along the line of his own pride of intellect. And among all the follies of our nature there is no greater weakness than the proneness of our minds to bow in profound reverence before the superior attainments of another mind. With infidelity lifting its blasphemous voice and in the name of advanced thought denouncing all religions, and especially that of our blessed Lord, arrogating to itself all the learning of the day, it behooves any christian worker to be so enlightened and trained in all the living issues of the hour as to be able, not only to detect and expose all the sophistries of these proud boasters, claiming the name of scientist, but if necessary to calmly enter the arena of conflict and fearlessly grapple with them. It affords us great pleasure then to call your attention to the opportunities and advantages offered by our own denomination and in our own State to all those who may desire to equip themselves for these great conflicts.

Howard College, the pet and pride of our fathers, we feel, is just entering upon a new era of prosperity and power. At the meeting of the convention in Birmingham last year, the startling proposition of the removal of this institute from Marion, took definite shape, At this time a committee was appointed to receive bids from any towns wishing to locate the school.

In the convention at Union Springs, during the present year, this com-

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mittee submitted a report, laying before the body several offers made by the cities of Birmingham and Anniston. The matter of removal was carefully considered, and after a most exhaustive discussion the brethren thought it best to recommend a change of locality.

A prudential committee composed of some of our wisest men was appointed to decide this question of a new site. These brethren met and after a prayerful investigation of the facts, concluded to accept the proposition made by Birmingham, and thus located the college at East Lake, a suburb of that city. By this act the institution secures an endowment of nearly two hundred thousand dollars in lands. Already temporary buildings, sufficient for present necessities have been obtained, and the honored and beloved Howard opens the fall term under the most flattering auspices. About 120 students are enrolled and the greatest enthusiasm prevails. On account of the resignation of President Murfee, the Board of Trustees has elected Prof Frazier, late President of Judson, to this vacancy. The mention of his name in this connection is enough to arouse the brightest hopes of success for the Institution. The Board has also secured the services of Rev D I Purser as Professor of theology. We would most heartily and emphatically recommend the claims of this school to our Baptist fathers. We feel confident that her past record and her present equipments justifies us in claiming for her as high standard of scholarship, and as thorough instruction in all the departments of learning as any other institution in the land. We would especially call your attention to the advantages offered ministerial students and urge upon you the duty of helping every struggling young man in his efforts to secure the benefits thus offered.

For our girls we direct you to the Judson. Her history, her character and her claims are familiar to you all. She proudly sustains her right to the position of equality with the best schools in all our Southern lands, and we would be delighted to see every Baptist girl in the State entering her classes.

Your committee takes great pleasure in commending the Midway High school for girls and boys, owned and controlled by our church at this place, and under the supervision of Bro W T Hendon, a thoroughly competent teacher, of high character, aided by his cultured wife and other assistants of known ability.

We feel that we are under the highest obligations to support all such local enterprises.

Respectfully submitted,
J A Wynne,
J G Hitchcock,
B F Gary.

Dismissed with prayer by Brother E. Y. Van Hoose.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

30. Sang, " O, for a closer walk with God," &c. Prayer by Brother W. B. Crumpton.

31. Brother W. L. Pickard, read the Report on State Missions.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Missionaries and Colporteurs for all or a part of the time..	56
Days of service	4 759
Miles traveled	25 367
Sermons and addresses	2 931

Churches constituted	8
Received by letter and baptism	1 462
Sunday Schools organized	93
Ladies' Mission Societies	10
Prayer-meetings organized	50
Prayer-meetings held	5 60
Preaching stations	82
Visits to churches	4 28
Visits to families	5 134
Subscribers to Alabama Baptist	104
Subscribers to Foreign Journal	193
Value of books sold	95 727
To this add the faithful labor of the Secretary.	
Amount contributed to Board	7 389 33
Paid by Board to missionaries	4 432 45
Paid by Board for other expenses	2 472 33
Balance on hand at Convention	484 55

This report shows increased labor and increased results over the former conventional year.

The Board asks of ns for the present year $15,000 for the work in our State. We ought to give it; we are able and can if we will. Our State is rapidly progressing, and Baptist must progress with it or they will prove recreant to their board trust.

We recommend the earnest co-oporation of all our pastors with this great mission movement.

We earnestly recommend that this Association shall, as far as possible, co-operate with the State Board so as to aid instead of retarding it in its great work.

We prayerfully recommend systematic church giving, as the best means for raising the amount asked of us.

Respectfully submitted.

W. L. Pickard,
M. W. Hall,
A. W. Beverly.

32. On motion, a committee was appointed to consider the suggestions of the State Mission Board. Committee consisted of Brethren H. Hawkins, W. H. Bishop, J. H. Pruden, W. C. Jordan and R. L. Baker.

33. The general subject of missions was discussed by Brethren W. L. Pickard and W. B. Crumpton.

The three Reports, State, Home and Foreign, were then adopted..

34. The Report on Temperance was read by the Clerk; and after being discussed by Brethren C. W. Hare, J. E. Chambliss, J. A. Wynne, and G. W. Fuller, was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee would be glad to report the extent of prohibition in Alabama, but the limited time given us for the preparation of this report

prevents this, but we can report that the cause of Temperance is rapidly increasing. New recruits are daily added to this great army of reform, and the territory in which alcaholic poisons are sold, is growing beautifully less, year after year. And we have the reasonable and well grounded hope that in a few days its sale will be prohibited in our beautiful capital city, and in the entire State. That intemperance is the cause of most of the crime, suffering and poverty in the world, has been proclaimed again and again from the judicial bench and from the pulpit in ever civilized community, and every thoughtful man applauds this judgment.

Notwithstanding it is condemned by the good and true men everywhere, it is still in our land in enormous proportions and exerts its pestilential influence over some of the purest persons of our State.

How can this great evil, this destroyer of human happiness, be banished from our land? That law in our statutes, which requires, that Hygienic Phisiology with special reference to the use of alcoholic drinks, be taught in our public schools, is one of the most effective means of accomplishing this object, and we recommend this study to teachers of private schools.

Any law enacted in opposition to the wishes of the people is ineffective, therefore, the best remedy for this evil is to convince the masses and thus get their consent to the passage of prohibition laws. This can be done by showing the facts in the case.

Alchohol is not food. Nature welcomes the presence of food. It is assimulated and becomes a part of us. Nature abhors alchohol. It is an enemy to the human system, and gathers all of its forces to expell the intruder for its territory. Therefore it does not give additional vitality, it does not give warmth to the food; it does not increase the ability to endure heat or cold; it does nrt brighten the intellect, but it does loosen the tongue at the expense of the judgment. That it does convert men into wild beasts and maniacs, and that the state, by virtue of its police authrity, has the right to protect the citizens from such animals by any means whatsoever.

When the people are educated on these points, they will arise in their power, and demand of our legislators this Magna Charter of human happiness. Then, and not until then will prohibition prohibit.

Then will ours be the land, of every land the pride,
Beloved by heaven over all the world beside,
A spot on earth supremely blest,
A dearer, sweeter spot than all the rest.

Wm. T. Hendon,
P. Floyd.

THE REPORT ON THE EVANGELIZATION OF THE COLORED PEOPLE.

An all-wise Providence has placed the colored race among us. We would not judge their religion; yet they are sadly deficient in their duty to God, and their ignorance and superstition should be relieved as much as possible. Do we not owe them something more than mere sympathy? Let the right foundation be laid by educating the heart, and let our means, as well as words, be used in giving them the aid they so much need. They are our fellow-citizens, our brothers in the faith of the gospel and were our slaves; for these reasons we should feel that duty as well as christianity. should urge us to help them. An enlightened and cultivated intellect may awaken aspirations and desires that may help to civilize them.

We are rejoiced to know that our denomination is so much interested in this people; and gratified to report that their efforts has been in a great measure successful, and we may earnestly and prayerfully continue this grand and good work.

Your committee would recommend that this be left to the wisdom of the Board without any restrictions, and let their wise judgment find means and measures to enlighten and civilize them.

Respectfully submitted,
J E McCormick, Chairman

35. Bro. T. N. Cox read the report on the state of the churches, which, after remarks by brethren Cox, Stout, Crumpton and Weaver, was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

To the Eufaula Baptist Association in session at Midway, Ala., October 1887:

Your committee on the state of the churches within our bounds beg leave, as a result of examination, to report on the several churches as follows:

Greenville—Condition encouraging, revivals and accessions during the year; a good sabbath school; and regular weekly prayer meetings on Sabbath afternoons for young men.

Union—Spiritual condition good; members decreased; monthly prayer meeting; no Sabbath school; protracted meeting in July; no pastor at present, but one called for another year.

Center Ridge—Condition good; spiritually revived during the year, but no great ingathering of souls; good Sabbath school and regular attendance; weekly prayer meetings.

Prospect—Condition doubtful; regular pastor, as far as your committee is able to ascertain; no Sabbath school, and no weekly prayer meetings.

Ramah—Condition good; regular services; good Sabbath school and well attended; revival during the year, and spiritual condition good,

New Hope—In a precarious condition; no pastor; no Sabbath school. no prayer meeting, and in danger of demise unless aided.

Mt. Olive—Committee can make no report as they could find no letter.

Mt Zion—No letter, and no report can be made

Midway—The condition, spiritually and numerically considered is encouraging. A large and flourishing Sabbath school; regular weekly prayer meeting, and an effective ally in Ladies Aid Society.

Clayton—In good condition; blessed by services of an efficient pastor; prayer meeting twice a week; gratefully refreshed during the year; good Sabbath school.

Pleasant Grove—Condition unascertainable.
Pleasant Hill " "
Hawkinsville " "

Hurtsboro—Condition good; in charge of an able pastor; revival during the year and sinners awakened; weekly prayer meetings; good Sabbath school.

Pea Creek—Membership small, but possessed of determination and a progressive spirit; new house of worship building; regular pastor.

Cowikee—As far as ascertained. while membership small, the condition is good; committee unable to learn whether or not Sabbath school services are held.

Evergreen—Church exists, but real condition not ascertained through defective letter.

Pine Grove—Weak, numerically; uncertain as to its own ability; only one male member, thus weak the evidence of the "faith that is in them;" is apparent from the liberal support and maintenance given a pastor; an example worthy of emulation.

Bethlehem—Condition tolerably good; revival during the year and an

increase of membership ; a christian zeal manifested ; prayer meeting weekly and attendance regular ; an interesting Sabbath school.

Enon—Reduced membership, and financially weakened ; by heroic effort the services of a regular pastor is retained. On account of a paucity of the members no Sabbath school, no prayer meetings.

Eufaula—Condition good ; regular Sabbath schools and prayer meetings with increased attendance ; under an earnest and efficient young minister. Your committee especially call attention to the weak churches within the limits of the Association, and suggest that State Missions should be greatly strengthened.

Respectfully submitted,

TAYLOR N. COX,
T. F. GREEN,
WARREN SIMMS,
Committee.

36. Adjourned till 8 p. m., after prayer by N. C. Underwood.

NIGHT SESSION.

37. After preaching by Bro. J. A. Wynne, the body proceeded to business.

38. The Moderator announced the following committees to report next year:

State Missions—H Hawkins, M W Hall, W W Vaughn.
Home Missions—T N Cox, I H McLean, I E Moone.
Foreign Msssions—W C Jordan, B Davis, J T Epperson.
Aged and Infirm Ministers—W S Paullin, Jefferson Mimms, A W Beverly.
Temperance—I M Thornton, H L Floyd, J A Cobb.
Bible and Colportage Work—H B Flowers, W J Simms, J E Fenn.
Obituaries—J P Sinquefield, G C Baker, C C Seay.
Sabbath Schools—Eli S Thornton, Geo B Davis, B F Gary.
On Education—W L Pickard, J A Wyne, L T Weaver.
Evangelization of colored race—J J S Willis, W F Provast, Jack Norton.

39. Returned correspondents as follows:

Bethel—J A Wynne, W H Patterson, Z L Weaver, T H Stout.
Centenial—M E Pruitt, T H Stout, J G Sinquefield.
Columbus—W J Jordan.
Judson—W H Patterson, B F Gary, J A Wynne.
Montgomery—W C Jordan, J M Thornton.
Newton—A C Couric, J M Thornton.
Salem—T H Stout, W H Patterson, J A Wynne, W J Jordon, J G Sinquefield.
Tuskegee—J M Thornton, H Hawkins, R Gary.
Ham's—W H Patterson, T H Stout, J J S Willis, W W Vaughan, T E Epperson.
Columbia—W A Bishop, H Hawkins.

40. Heard the report of the Committee on the Suggestions of the State Board, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE SUGGESTIONS OF THE STATE BOARD.

BRO. MODERATOR : Your Committee on Apportionment, to which was

referred the matter of ascertaining the amount each church in the Association should contribute, recommend that the several churches raise the sum of fourteen hundred dollars for the year 1888, outside of the Ministerial and Howard College fund, to-wit:

Bethlehem	$ 75 00
Center Ridge	40 00
Clayton	100 00
Cowikee	25 00
Enon	20 00
Eufaula	500 00
Evergreen	10 00
Glennville	25 00
Hawkinsville	15 00
Hurtsboro	80 00
Midway	160 00
Mount Olive	25 00
Mount Zion	50 00
New Hope	25 00
Pea Creek	10 00
Pine Grove	20 00
Pleasant Grove	30 00
Pleasant Hill,	10 00
Prospect	65 00
Ramah	75 00
Union,	40 00
	$1,400 00

Respectfully submitted.

H. Hawkins, Chairman.
Wm. A. Bishop.
J. H. Pruden.
R. L. Baker.
W. C. Jordan.

41. The Report on Nominations was adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

To Preach the Introductory Sermon—J A Wynne; Alternate, W H Patterson.

To Preach the Missionary Sermon—W L Pickard; Alternate, Z T Weaver.

Executive Committee—W H Patterson, T H Stout, Z T Weaver, W N Reeves, B B Davis, J E McCormick, S G Robertson, Jno A Walker, F C Hall, W L Pickard.

Delegates to the State Convention—W H Patterson, B B Davis, Z T Weaver, T H Stout, J A Wynne, W L Pickard, A W Beverly, Alory Jordan, Henry Florence, B Davis.

42. Appointed the next session of the body to be held at Center Ridge Church, Barbour county, commencing at 11 o'clock, on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in October, 1888.

43. Voted the Clerk $25 for his services.

44. Heard and adopted the Report of the Finance Committee.

45. The thanks of the Association was voted to the citizens of Midway for their generous and liberal hospitality.

Adjourned till 9:30 Sabbath morning.

SABBATH MORNING.

46. The Association met at 9:30 o'clock.

Sang: "Jesus keep me near the Cross," &c.

Prayer by Bro. Jno. O. Hixon.

Sang: "Rejoice and be glad," &c.

47. Bro. J. J. S. Willis read the Report on Sabbath Schools, which after being discussed was adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to submit the following: We are forced to the conclusion that the Sunday School work within the bounds of this Association is very meagre compared with what it should be; our people are not ignorant; we believe that they are Christians; hence we cannot account for the great dearth of interest in the Sunday Schools, which is second to nothing except the Church as a factor good: Yea, the Sunday School has been called "The nursery of the Church;" "The Church at work," &c. There has been received into the Churnh from the Sunday Schools 58.

Contributed for missions, $23.85; contributed for expenditures at home, $223.09. There has been enrolled in the schools this year 736 pupils, with 81 officers and teachers, using 835 copies of periodicals as lesson helps. Besides the contributions for missions above given, some of our strongest schools have made their contributions with their respective churches.

There are ten of our churches that have no schools, and only eleven that have had schools at all. Five only have school during the year, while some have demonstrated a spasmodic interest of short duration.

The Sunday School Convention, organized by this Association, seems to be a thing of the past; from indifference on the part of the preachers and churches, it was compelled to succomb, not being so organized as to live upon its name.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. S. Willis,
Chairman.

Addresses were made on the report by brethren J. A. Wynne, J. O. Hixon, J. E. Chambliss, J. A. B. Besson, C. W. Hare.

48. On motion, the Executive Committee was requested to arrange for a Sabbath School Convention to be held with Bethlehem Church on some fifth Sabbath during the year.

49. Adjourned until after the morning service. Rev. W. L. Pickard preached the Missionary Sermon from John 14:15. A collection was taken up for missions amounting to $41.35.

Rev. J. A. Wynne preached at the Methodist Church, where the congregation contributed $7.30.

50 On motion, adjourned to meet with Center Ridge Church Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in October next. Benediction by Bro. W. L. Pickard.

T. H. Stout, Clerk.

W. H. Patterson, Moderator.

ORDER OF BUISMESS OF THE EUFAULA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Association called to order, Devotional Exercises conducted by the Moderator.
3. Read Letters and enroll Delegates.
4. Election of Officers.
5. Applications for Membership.
6. Appointment of Committees to report at this session. 1. Religious Exercises, 2. State of churches, 3, Finance, 4, Nominatitions.
7. Receive Correspondents from Associations—Bethel, Centennial Columbus, Judson, Montgomery, Newton, Salem, Tuskegee, Hannis, Columbia.
8. Receive Agents of Boards and Visitors.
9. Report of Executive Committee.
10. Report on Education.

Recess.

11. Devotianal Exercises.
12. Call for Correspondents.
13. Reports on Missions. 1, State Missions; 2, Home Missions; 3, Foreign Missions.
14. Reports on Aged and Infirm Ministers.

Recess.

15. Devotional Exercises.
16. Return Corresponbent.
17. Report on Temperance.
18. Report Ministerial Education.

Recess.

16. Devotional Exercises.
20. Report on the State of the Churches.
21. Report on Bible and Colportage work.
22. Report on Obituaries.
23. Report of Special Committees.
24 Report on Nominations.
25. Report of Treasurer and Finance Committee.
26. Miscellaneous Buisness.

SABBATH,

27. Report on Sabbath Schools.
28. Missionary Sermon.
29. Miscellaneous Buisness.
30. Final Adjournment.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF EUFAULA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1887.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Church Building (not at home)	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Indigent Ministers.	Bible and Colportage Work.	Howard College.	Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.	Minute Fund.	Associational Purposes.	Benevolence.	Vouchers.	Total.
Bethlehem	6 00		$6 00	7 30	$	$	$	$	$ 1 50	$	$	$	$ 19 30
Cowikee	11 05			5 00					1 00				17 05
Centre Ridge	5 00		5 00	15 00			10 00		1 25			12 85	36 25
Clayton	20 00		20 00	40 00					1 50		12 85		81 50
Enon	3 50		3 50	10 50			5 00		60				23 10
Evergreen	1 25								1 50	1 50			4 25
Glenville	4 00		6 80	6 50			6 50		1 00			17 30	24 80
Hurtsburrogh	6 30		6 30	18 90					1 50				33 00
Hawkinsville	2 00		2 00	6 00					1 00				11 00
Midway	29 60		29 60	88 80					2 60			19 40	150 60
Mt. Zion	5 00		5 00	5 00			5 00	5 00	1 00	4 00			30 00
Mt. Olive	3 75		3 75	6 00					75				14 25
New Hope	2 10			10 00	5 00				50				17 60
Ramah	10 00		8 85	30 00					1 50			10 00	40 35
Pleasant Hill			1 00						1 00	1 00			3 00
Pea Creek	80		80	2 40					1 50	1 00			6 50
Pleasant Grove	3 60								1 50				5 10
Prospect	5 15		12 85	14 70			5 00		1 25			12 85	38 95
Pine Grove	1 00		1 00	2 50						50			5 00
Union	3 95		4 10	9 30			7 65		1 50	50		14 00	27 00
Eufaula	46 10		10 55	60 90		21 85	5 10		4 90			192 25	341 65
						8 60				48 65			57 25
	$1 70 15		127 10	338 80	$ 5 00	$30 45	$44 25	$ 5 00	$29 35	$ 56 65	$12 85	$ 278 65	$ 987 50

THE EUFAULA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION'S STATISTICS FOR 1887.

Churches.	County.	Pastors.	Clerks.	Post Office of Church Clerks.	Membership last Reported.	Increase by Baptism.	Increase by Letter.	Increase by Experience.	Increase by Restoration.	Decrease by Letter.	Decrease by Exclusion.	Decrease by Erasure.	Decrease by Death.	Present Membership.	Sunday School Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Pupils.	Sunday School Volumes in Library.	Preaching Sabbaths.	Reports Prayer Meeting.	Reports Revivals.	
Bethlehem	Barbour.	J A Wynne	Dr. L McRae	Clayton.	86	17	7		2	4	1		4	94	8	48	XI.	2nd	weekly	Revival	Names of Ch'rches organized during year:
Center Ridge	"	N C Underwood	J J S Willis	Mt. Andrew	85	3	7		4	13	4			82	5	43		4th	weekly	Revival	
Clayton	"	J A Wynne	P Davie	Clayton	86	20	15			6			2	1 13	9	90		1-3	weekly	Revival	
Cowikee	"	Z T Weaver	J E Moore	Batesville	29		6		1		3			33	5	35		3rd			
Enon	Bullock	D S Duffie	J B Cox	Enon	15					1		1		13							
Eufaula	Barbour	W L Pickard	G B Davis	Eufaula	3 70	25	6		1	27	1		4	3 70	19	2 41		Ev'y Sab	weekly	Revival	
Evergreen	"	G W Harrison	J R Tillery	Mt. Andrew	43					3	2		1	37				4th	weekly		
Glennville	Russell	H R Schramm	E C Perry	Glennville	30	7	2			7	3		1	28	6	20		2-4	weekly	Revival	
Hawkinsville	Barbour	Z T Weaver	H Hawkins	Hawkinsville	11		1					1	1	10				2nd			
Hurtsboro	Russell	J E Chambliss	M L Long	Hurtsboro	90	1	3		1	9			1	85	6	60		2nd	weekly	Revival	
Midway	Bullock	W H Patterson	W J Cowart	Midway		2	6			7				1 48	15	85		1-3	weekly	Revival	
Mt Olive,	Barbour.	J A Wynne	D H Blair	White Oak	29	8		1		3			1	34	4	29		4th			Names of Ch'rches received from Associations.
Mt Zion	Bullock	J O Hixon	R L Baker	Three Notch	60	1	1		1	3			1	59				2nd			
New Hope	Barbour		B M Gachet	Midway	26					12				14							
Pea Creek	"	G W Harrison	J A Miles	Louisville		1	2							30							
Pine Grove	"	Z T Werver	J M Thornton	Eufaula										17							
Pleasant Grove	"	G W Harrison	W M Spiers	Clayton	65	5	1						2	69	4	42		1st			
Pleasant Hill	"	W D Joiner	E B Chambliss	Jernigan			2			1			1	20				4th			
Prospect	"	T H Stout	T F J Green	Clayton	1 15	5	2			2	1			1 19	3	15		4th	weekly	Revival	
Ramah;	"	Z T Weaver	H B Florence	Harris	93	1	12			8				98		50		4th		Revival	
Union	"	H R Schramm	J T Watkins	Clayton	90	1	4		2	9	2	1	2	83				3rd	weekly		
					15 50	97	77	1	12	11 5	17	3	21	15 56	84	7 58					

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